



Tri-Township Park District
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BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING MINUTES

August 12, 2026

Call to Order: 7:00 PM

Roll Call

Present:

- Bud Adelhardt
- Steve Barbour
- Brian Byrd
- Gary Byrne
- Toby Mitchell
- James Newcombe

Absent:

- Dan Broska

Reading and Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

The previous meeting minutes were presented for approval.

Motion: Brian Byrd ~~motioned~~ to approve the minutes.

Second: Steve Barbour seconded the motion.

Vote: 6 Ayes, 0 Nays.

Motion carried.

People Requesting to Be on the Agenda

Eagle Scouts — Brooklyn Carter

Brooklyn Carter, representing the Eagle Scouts, presented a proposed project she would like to complete to earn her Eagle Scout badge.

Brooklyn proposed installing a **Field of Honor sign** at the Veterans Memorial. The project would include the sign, concrete work, and landscaping surrounding the sign.



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Brooklyn stated that she would like to collect donations and conduct a fundraiser to raise the funds necessary to complete the project. She estimated the total cost to be approximately **\$1,500–\$2,000**. An updated cost estimate will be obtained and presented to the Board.

Motion: Toby Mitchell moved to approve the proposed project.

Second: Bud Adelhardt seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote:

- Bud Adelhardt — Aye
- Steve Barbour — Aye
- Brian Byrd — Aye
- Gary Byrne — Aye
- Toby Mitchell — Aye
- James Newcombe — Aye

Vote: 6 Ayes, 0 Nays.

Motion carried.

Jim Degroff

Jim Degroff, a daily walker in the park, addressed the Board regarding traffic safety at the south end of the park.

Mr. Degroff stated that there are currently no speed bumps in that area and that he has witnessed multiple instances where people and children have nearly been hit by vehicles traveling too fast. He noted that the park has posted speed limit signs of 15 MPH, but vehicles are not consistently slowing down.

Mr. Degroff offered to pay for the installation of speed bumps. The estimated cost is approximately **\$1,200**.

The Board approved the installation of speed bumps.

Mr. Degroff also stated that he would like to donate **\$10,000 to the Veterans Memorial** for the installation of a Space Force memorial honoring Tim Greenfield.

Tim Greenfield

Tim Greenfield addressed the Board regarding the Veterans Memorial. He stated that he is preparing to repaint the memorial statues so that they are all a matching gold color.

Mr. Greenfield also stated that he is at the park every morning from approximately **5:30 AM until 8:00 AM**, working on the Veterans Memorial before the temperatures become too hot.

Executive Committee

Secretary/Treasurer Report



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The Board discussed the need to closely monitor the budget, particularly payroll expenses.

The Activity Center payroll is currently exceeding the budgeted hours. The Board requested that staff obtain the previous year's budget numbers for Summer Camp for comparison.

Motion: Brian Byrd motioned to obtain last year's Summer Camp budget numbers. **Second:** Gary Byrne seconded the motion.

Vote: 6 Ayes, 0 Nays.

Motion carried.

Bills to Be Approved and Paid

Bills presented for approval totaled **\$38,371.26**. The Board noted that this amount is normal for this time of year.

Motion: Bud Adelhardt moved to approve and pay the bills in the amount of \$38,371.26.

Second: Gary Byrne seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote:

- Bud Adelhardt — Aye
- Steve Barbour — Aye
- Brian Byrd — Aye
- Gary Byrne — Aye
- Toby Mitchell — Aye
- James Newcombe — Aye

Motion carried.

Chairman's Comments

- The annual audit is expected to be completed by the end of the month.
- Steve Barbour is continuing to work on the 501(c) group.
- The Board noted that the new security cameras are working very well.
- The Board requested that Moonlight be contacted regarding updating the Park District website and calendar, which are currently outdated and still contain information dating back to 2022.
- Staff was asked to contact the Chamber of Commerce regarding setting up a booth at **First Fridays** to distribute water and rodeo flyers.

Operations Committee

Activity Center



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Brandy reported that **Summer Camp has concluded** and went very well this year. The Park District has received a large amount of positive feedback from parents.

Staff is now preparing for the **Mother-Son Date Night**. The event will be changed from the traditional dance format this year, with the decision made to host a movie instead.

Rodeo Update

The Board asked for an update on the upcoming rodeo.

Brandy reported that preparations are progressing as planned. There had been **99 online ticket sales** at the time of the meeting. Staff has been actively promoting the event through social media, including boosting posts and creating a Facebook event.

Savannah has been distributing rodeo and sponsorship flyers and has been contacting local businesses daily regarding sponsorship opportunities.

The Board discussed taking one Friday to have the staff go out together to distribute rodeo flyers throughout the community in an effort to increase ticket sales and event awareness.

Halloween Paint & Sip

The Board discussed the upcoming Halloween Paint & Sip craft event. The event filled to capacity within **two days** and had already generated more than **\$2,000** in revenue.

Roads and Grounds

Dave reported that staff is working to keep up with weed eating throughout the park. Frequent rain has made it difficult to keep up with the growth.

Athletics Committee

Baseball, Softball and Soccer

Fay reported that baseball and softball seasons have concluded.

Soccer practices have begun, and all game schedules are expected to be distributed by the weekend. Soccer uniforms have been ordered.

There are currently **693 children enrolled in soccer**.



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Maintenance Supervisor / Office Manager

Dave reported the following updates:

- The median project has been completed and the area looks significantly cleaner and better.
- The skate park remodel is scheduled to begin next week.
- Crosswalks are scheduled to be repainted next week.
- Ditch work remains on schedule.
- All park bathrooms will need updates this winter, as they are currently in poor condition.

Facility Requests

Troop 467 requested meeting space for their fall and winter meetings.

Troop 19 also requested meeting space for their fall and winter meetings.

Motion: Brian Byrd motioned to approve the meeting space requests. **Second:** Gary Byrne seconded the motion.

Vote: 6 Ayes, 0 Nays.

Motion carried.

Comments from Citizens Not on the Agenda

There were no additional comments from citizens not on the agenda.

Comments or Questions

There were no additional comments or questions.

Closed Session

A roll call vote was taken to enter into a closed-door session.

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Roll Call:

- Bud Adelhardt — Aye
- Steve Barbour — Aye
- Brian Byrd — Aye
- Gary Byrne — Aye
- Toby Mitchell — Aye
- James Newcombe — Aye

The Board entered closed session.

Adjournment

Motion: Bud Adelhardt moved to adjourn the meeting at **8:10 PM.**

Second: Brian Byrd seconded the motion.

Vote: 6 Ayes, 0 Nays.

Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:10 PM.